

WE CLAIM:

1. A method for transferring information between multiple buyers and multiple vendors, comprising:

receiving information corresponding to a plurality of products from a

5 plurality of sources;

storing the information in a first database;

receiving a request for a portion of the information stored in the first database;

retrieving the portion of the information corresponding to the request from the first database;

posting the information on a second database, the information corresponding to the request; and

providing access to subsets of the second database to a plurality of subscribers.

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2. The method of Claim 1, further comprising providing access between at least one of the plurality of subscribers and at least one of the plurality of sources.

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- 3. An inventory management system, comprising:
 - a central node;
 - a plurality of vendors electronically coupled to the central node;
 - a plurality of buyers electronically coupled to the central; and first and second databases electronically coupled to the central

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wherein a request from one of the plurality of buyers is received as the central node which obtains information stored on the first database from at least one of the plurality of vendors and displays the information on the second database.

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